Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Philip and Carol (Berreth) Martel exchanged their wedding vows on December 6, 1953, in Herreid, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, The couple have spent their married lives in the communities of Faulkton, Deadwood, and Newcastle, Wyoming, where Philip was employed as a mechanic and electrician, and Carol as an office worker and in sales, if not at home raising her children; and,

Whereas, Philip and Carol gave life and love to two children: James and Laurie who in turn have presented them with three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, In March 2003, they returned to northeastern South Dakota to live in the community of Eureka in order to be closer and more involved in family activities; and,

Whereas, An open house will be held on December 6, 2003, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of a devoted couple who has shared life's beauty and sorrow and has grown to love one another more because of their common journey, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 6, 2003, as

PHILIP & CAROL MARTEL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State